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Mr. Martin Ebon

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Dear Mr. Ebon:

Thank you for your letter to Deputy Director McMahon, for whom I am responding.

CIA has no unclassified material available with which we could assist you beyond that which is already available at the United States Information Agency (USIA) or the Department of State. I suggest, therefore, that you contact Mr. Herbert Romerstein, Assistant to the Associate Director for Plans, USIA, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20547. He is knowledgeable on the subject and I believe is prepared to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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Director, Public Affairs

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August 5, 1984

Mr. John McMahon, Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. McMahon:

Enclosed is the outline of my projected book THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE, which is to be published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company. Last year, this publishing firm published my books, THE ANDROPOV FILE and PSYCHIC WARFARE: THREAT OR ILLUSION?

My earlier works include WORLD COMMUNISM TODAY, which I wrote after leaving the Office of War Information and which was also published by McGraw-Hill, as was my biography of Georgi Malenkov, MALENKOV, STALIN'S SUCCESSOR. I am also the author of biographies of Stalin's daughter, Svetlana, and of Lin Biao. You may be particularly interested in my book on Ernesto Guevara, CHE: THE MAKING OF A LEGEND.

I well understand that your Agency is not empowered to provide me with material for my book on Soviet propaganda, except through the Public Affairs office. Specifically, I shall not request any material under the Freedom of Information Act. However, I assume that the interagency committee on Soviet "active measures" might be in a position to provide me with guidance and material.

Needless to say, I shall initiate foreign translations of my book, as has been the case with the earlier books. The enclosed listing of topics may indicate where I see gaps in the information now available to me. My telephone number is [redacted] I can, of course, come to Washington and discuss my project with you or anyone you may recommend, within our outside government.

Cordially,

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